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13010-02USAIn the Claims:

Claims 3-4 and 14 have been canceled previously.

1. (Previously presented) A device for collecting biological samples comprising:
 - (i) at least one collection protrusion comprising at least one tip;
 - (ii) at least one pad for contacting the tip, wherein the pad comprises chemical preservatives or enzyme inhibitors; and
 - (iii) at least one cap, which is capable of sealingly enclosing the device.
2. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein the tip is a wick, spoon, pick, or swab.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the cap is connected to the device.
6. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the cap is detached from the device.
7. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the cap slidably encloses the device.
8. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein the device is made of plastic.
9. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein the sample comprises nucleic acid.

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10. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, further comprising material with instructions on using the device.

11. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein the instructions are in written form.

12. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein at least one collection protrusion is foldable or removable.

13. (Previously presented) A device for collecting biological samples comprising:

(i) at least one collection protrusion comprising at least one tip;

(ii) at least one pad for contacting the tip; and

(iii) a storage area for collecting liquid and/or solid sample, wherein inside of the liquid storage area is coated with a chemical preservative or enzyme inhibitor.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) The device according to claim 13, wherein the liquid storage area is fitted with a syringe.

16. (Original) The device according to claim 13, wherein the syringe is fitted with a unidirectional piston.

17. (Original) The device according to claim 13, wherein the liquid storage area is fitted with tubing.

18. (Original) The device according to claim 17, wherein the tubing is capillary tube.

19. (Original) The device according to claim 13, comprising an area for gathering a solid sample.

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20. (Original) The device according to claim 19, wherein the solid sample collection area comprises a lid.

21. (Original) The device according to claim 13, wherein at least one collection protrusion is foldable or removable.